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TAGS: PFOR XJ FR

SUBJ: DAKAR FRANCO-AFRICAN SUMMIT

1. IN CONVERSATION APRIL 19, QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR AFRICA CHRISTIAN DE LA ROCHERE TOLD US THAT THE WHOLE CHARACTER OF FRANCO-AFRICAN SUMMIT AS PERCEIVED BY THE FRENCH HAD CHANGED DURING THE PAST TWO WEEKS AS A RESULT OF EVENTS IN ZAIRE, SOUTHERN AFRICA AND THE HORN. WHAT ORIGINALLY HAD BEEN CONCEIVED OF AS A MEETING DEVOTED LARGELY TO ECONOMIC QUESTIONS, WOULD NOW BE DEVOTED CHIEFLY TO POLITICAL MATTERS. THE QUAI TURNED OUT A SERIES OF SPEECHES FOR GISCARD LAST WEEK IN WHICH THE ACCENT WAS PUT ON THE DANGERS OF SOVIET INTERVENTION IN AFRICA, FRANCE'S PROVEN WILLINGNESS TO HELP DEFEND ITS FRIENDS, AND A CALL FOR A CONCERTED AFRICAN EFFORT TO MEET THE CHALLENGE. LA ROCHERE DID NOT KNOW HOW MUCH OF THE QUAI'S INPUT WOULD REMAIN IN THE SPEECHES AFTER GISCARD'S EDITING, WHICH OCCUPIED MUCH OF THE PRESIDENT'S TIME LAST SUNDAY, BUT THOUGHT THAT THEY PROBABLY WOULD MAKE HEADLINES.

2. LA ROCHERE ALSO NOTED WITH PLEASURE THAT CONGO  
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PRESIDENT YHOMBI-OPANGO ASKED, AFTER THE FRENCH AIR LIFT TO ZAIRE, TO BE INCLUDED IN THE DAKAR SUMMIT.

UNFORTUNATELY, LAST MINUTE DIFFICULTIES AT HOME KEEP HIM FROM ATTENDING.

HARLAN

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